

Berringa Community News

News and views from the residents of Bellbridge,
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Jono Joins the Hay Run

Two hundred and fifty eight trucks and 403 trailers making a 100 km convoy, 14,000 bales of hay worth \$6 million dollars, and a 4,000 km round-trip. The numbers speak for themselves on the Burrumbuttock Hay Run to help drought-stricken farmers in Queensland. The Run, which began in 2014, relies entirely on volunteers and donations of hay and other good, with drivers and trucks coming from Victoria, NSW, South Australia and Tasmania. In April, Talgarno's Jonathon (Jono) Green joined the convoy, donating his time to drive hay donated by local residents the Hayes, Mitchells (Alan and Ross Mitchell and families of Mitchell pastoral Bethanga), Zauner, F.J. Star and Sons, and the Greens. Greenfreight generously donated the use of a truck and trailer.

Jono says the plight of farmers in Queensland motivated him to help. "It's the Aussie spirit, to help people out that need help." Things fell into place when Greenfreight gave him permission to use a truck and hay donors were found. "You forget because its green here and the drought has broken, that central Queensland and parts of NSW are still very much in drought. People are just working to feed their stock. There were stories of people living on Weetbix and tinned food because that's all they could afford."

The Burrumbuttock Hay Run was started in 2014 by Brendan Farrell, who got together with some friends to deliver hay to struggling farmers in Bourke, NSW. The Run has since grown in size, with the April Run likely to have broken world records (though not an official Guinness World Record) for the longest convoy.

After loading his truck with hay, Jono made his way to Burrumbuttock where he joined the convoy heading north. The trip took three days, passing through towns such as Darlington Point and Cobar. The logistics of the trip boggle the mind, with over 500 people (most trucks had passengers) to feed and look after. Scheduled breaks and overnight stops were carefully planned given approximately 100 acres were needed to fit all the parked trucks. In addition, mechanics and support vehicles joined the convoy.

The hay was delivered to Ilfracombe, a small town with just a pub and a few houses, and distributed from there to farms within the region. The influx of trucks brought not only hay, but also produce including food and services such as hairdressers.

For Jono, it was an experience of a lifetime, with the most rewarding part of the trip seeing how grateful the

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locals were at the support. "You were a hero in every town. People would come out and watch every truck, waving and cheering, holding up flags and signs saying thank you," he says. "People have been up there for 4 or 5 generations. It is family and their history. They can't just pack up and leave. It's all they know."

Incredibly, the donated hay equates to only about 2 weeks' worth of feed. But, adds Jono, "it's also about giving people out there hope. Some of those places haven't had rain for years, which is hard to believe when we live here in such a nice place. Some kids living out there have never seen rain."

Plans are already underway for the next hay run, and Jono says that despite the big commitment he would consider doing it all over again. "It was a big commitment, but it was such a rewarding feeling that it made it worthwhile. After all, one day we might need their help down here, you don't know."

If you would like to donate hay for a future hay run, call Jono on 0422 965 024. Donations can be made to the Rotary Club of Sydney BSB: 062 438 ACC: 10211156 Description: Drought Appeal, or send cheques payable to "The Rotary

Club of Sydney Drought Appeal" to Rotary Club of Sydney, GPO Box 1523, Sydney NSW 2001.

Susanne Watkins



ANZAC Day Celebration at Bethanga

Bethanga Gymkhana & Family Fun Day - 2016.

Although we got off to a rocky start this year, another very successful Gymkhana and Family Fun Day was held. At 2am Saturday morning we became aware that the power was off. We were concerned for all the meat, drinks and cream cakes that were under refrigeration. As we knew that Bruce was on duty over the Easter break, the decision was made to ring him, hoping he could inform us of how long the power maybe out for. All we managed to do was wake his wife, (whoops, sorry Jo) as Bruce was already out and about on the job. Arising at 6am and there was still no power. Arriving at the reserve at 7am still no power, this also meant no water in the pavilion or the kiosk and no desperately needed coffee available. Thankfully, by 8am the power was restored and we were off and racing.

Lots of new faces this year. The owners of Lake Hume Caravan Park were good enough to staple our flyer to the map of the grounds they hand to all arrivals. With the water a no go zone because of the blue-green algae outbreak, several families made the trip across. Great feedback. Kids had a ball and all indicated they would be back again next year.

In the horse arena, our regular novelty riders from Macedon once again made the trek up the highway on Friday. They set up camp and then went for a ride. I noticed on one of my many trips up to the ground on the Friday, 8 or 10 horses hitched up to the rails at the Pub. Their owners very much enjoyed lunch and some refreshments.

About every fifth year Easter creeps back into the last week of March. When this happens, our event clashes with a big three day event at the Equestrian Centre. As a result, our horse numbers are generally down on these occasions. A lot of the people that would normally attend our event go as spectators or volunteer their time to help out at that event. Although that was the case again this year, it didn't effect us as much, as the spectator crowd was up. The takings from the gate and all food venues and the bar were up on last year.

We have been a bit slack. At the time of penning this, we still have not had our

meeting to decide the amount we will be handing to each of the participating groups. With the 6 weeks after the Gymkhana being so dry and a lot of the committee members being farmers, we have had our hands full tending to the feeding and water requirements of our stock. Thank goodness we have finally got our autumn break!! We do anticipate that around \$3,500-00 will be available to be split equally between those groups.

A huge thank you this year goes out to our local Cricket Club. Unfortunately they didn't make the finals this year, but because of the massive amount of work they put into spraying, watering and mowing the oval, they were allocated the B grade Grand Final. So they continued watering and mowing the oval right up to the Saturday prior to the Gymkhana. Their hard work and the bit of rain it received the week prior to the Gymkhana meant we didn't have to go up twice a day to set up and move the sprinkler or truck water onto those parts of the ground the sprinkler doesn't reach. We are fully aware of how time consuming it is to maintain that oval through dry spells, so congratulations on being allocated the Grand Final match and thank you for handing us an immaculate oval for our event.

On a sadder note, we this year lost one of our great helpers. For as long as I can remember, Reg Mackin has been turning up every Good Friday to assist with the setting up and then back again bright and early Saturday morning to keep everyone in the BBQ area on their toes. Reg was too unwell to attend this year's event and passed away shortly afterwards. Nothing was ever too much trouble for Reg and his friendly smiling face will be greatly missed.

Well that's it for another year. If you did something, made something or gave something in the lead up to or on the day, we thank you. If you came along with a horse in tow or the kids in tow, we

thank you for supporting our event. We hope you all enjoyed the day and I guess we will just do it all again next year.

Mary Northey (Secretary)
On behalf of the Committee.
Phone: 0260 264257



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Below is a listing of those firms and individuals that assisted us with our day. Some gave a financial donation and others gave gifts or vouchers. The assistance we receive allows us to do the little things that make our event unique. Give out prizes in a lot of the events, hire the bunny suit and hand out free Easter Eggs, to name a few.

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Gymkhana & Family Fun Day - 2016 Results

Event	Actual	Winner	Runner Up
Guess the Weight of the Sheep	87.6 Kgs	Alex McKenna	Janet Williams
How many lollies in the Jar	124	Marlane Davis	
Step the Distance – Gents	4085 mm	Doug Mitchell	G. Rudd
Step the Distance – Ladies	4164 mm	Eliza Goyne	Sue LeFoe & Lucy Lee
Guess the Height of the pole	5940 mm	Justin Cawood and Manei	Al
Golf Putting – Gents	2 Putts	Max Mitchell	Doug Mitchell
Golf Putting – Ladies	2 Putts	Abbey Chettleburgh	Eliza Goyne and Jo Ollington
Golf Putting – Kids	2 Putts	Joe Swinnerton	Jack Neilson
Nail Driving – Gents	1 Hit	Matt Bracchi	Josh
Nail Driving – Ladies	3 Hits	Tls	Eliza Goyne
Nail Driving – Kids	2 Hits	Jonathon	Tls
Soccer Shoot – Open	2 Goals	Thomas	Benjamin
Soccer Shoot – Kids	3 Goals	Luke Carty	Rhys Carty
Hand Ball – Adults	15 Points	Graham Rudd	Daniel Barr
Hand Ball – Kids	25 Points	Alex Swinnerton	Will Mitchell

Event	First	Second	Third
Pie Eating Contest	Samuel Reynolds	Jonathan Reynolds	Eric Doevan
Iron Man	Brodie Sirl	Jonathan	Jacob Perez
Iron Woman	Tracy Jackson	Jess Campbell	Anita Reynolds and Jacqui Shardon
Gift – Gents	Zach Nelson	Warwick Zauner	Joe Hodgkin
Gift – Ladies	Celine Baker	Clarine Coyle	Charlotte Mitchell

Artwork	First	Second	Third
Foundation and Years 1 & 2	Belle Pearson	Annabell Barber & Ruby Pearson	Morpheus Elston & Alice Clear
Years Three & Four	Klancie Star	Jack Neilson & Mark Hird	Jack Carmody
Years Five & Six	Baxter Jones	Casey Mitchell	Will Mitchell, Tom Fletcher & Taj Filby

Biggest Morning Tea

The Lake Hume Boat Club was the picturesque setting for this year's Biggest Morning Tea on Wednesday, 4th May. There were several stalls selling a variety of goods, including plants, baked goods, produce and bric-a-brac. Three raffles were held, with the wonderful prizes being generously donated by local businesses. Several happy people also won lucky door prizes which had also been kindly donated.

Many volunteers helped organise the morning tea, including the Wednesday pole-walking group, ably led by Shirley Eddington. The hall and tables were tastefully decorated by Simone Eddington, with flowers and balloons adding to the festive atmosphere. Simone had also made posies of flowers to sell as Mother's Day gifts. There was a wonderful selection of beautiful home cooked goodies for all to share and enjoy.

Shirley addressed the crowd, both locals and out-of-town visitors, thanking the raffle, door prize and stall donors, volunteers and all who attended. She highlighted the importance of working together as a community to sup-

port such worthy causes and also the friendship (aspect of/enjoyed when) getting together on these occasions.

\$870 was raised for the Cancer Council which was a great effort. Thank you to all for your attendance and support.

Di Singline



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Bethanga Primary School ANZAC Garden

Bethanga Primary School successfully applied for a Gallipoli oak tree to plant in our school yard. 650 schools throughout Victoria have received a Gallipoli Oak. We held our own special ANZAC service at the school on Wednesday 27th April to plant this oak and unveil our ANZAC sculpture.

The Story of the Gallipoli Oak

In Turkey the battle is also perceived as a defining moment in the history of the Turkish people. Small prickly oak trees (now known as the Gallipoli Oak) grow along the ridges and valleys of a peninsula in Turkey. Acorns were collected by several soldiers during the campaign and sent or brought back to Australia where some were subsequently planted. Mr Max Mitchell a former student of the school (class of 46) planted this special tree in our ANZAC garden. Mr Mitchell has had a lot to do with the school over many years. All his children attended the school and now his grandchildren are here.

We must acknowledge our previous principal Deb Bowman for submitting the successful application for the school to receive this special tree.

The school decided to do something special to commemorate the Centenary of the first Anzac Day. We decided to get all the students from Foundation through to Year 6 to make ceramic poppies. We then used these poppies in a sculpture for the ANZAC garden. This has turned out to be quite a community project with lots of people from outside the school helping to make this project come together. Today Mrs Jeanne Pearce unveiled the sculpture. Mrs Pearce also attended the school (class of 45) as well as her children and some of her grandchildren. She told the students about the ultimate sacrifice her grandfather made and how the local community supported her grandmother at this time. Mrs Pearce is also the school's neighbour and attends most school activities and fundraisers. The service was well attended by parents and community members. The students did a very good job delivering this service.



Woman of the Year



A surprise morning tea was held at the Berringa Kindergarten on Friday, 29th April to celebrate the Director, Christine Cameron's recent Albury 'Woman of the Year' award. Christine has been a tireless volunteer within several organisations over many years and the award was recognition of her commitment and work for others. She was secretary of James Fallon High School P&C (2010-2012), President (2013-2016) and Riverina Councillor on the Board of the NSW P&C Federation. Christine has undertaken fundraising and leadership roles to strengthen the Murray Conservatorium Choir, 1st Albury Guides and the Border Music Camp.

Committee president, Karen Green spoke of Christine's commitment and hard work, both locally and in the wider community. Karen and Kate Singline, on behalf of the committee, parents and children, then presented Christine with a lovely bouquet of flowers, chocolates and a card made by the children. Penny Sell, from the Towong

Shire, attended and appreciated being a part of the celebration. A yummy morning tea was held under the trees in the Kinder playground and was enjoyed by adults and children alike! Congratulations Christine – a well deserved award!



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We are hoping work to be finished and be 'open' in the next few months.

The Wool Press has been a vision for us for many years since our own wedding, where we searched high and low for a scenic shearing shed with views and the flexibility to design the day we wanted. We fell in love with Granya at first sight, seeing it as an opportunity to combine country life, our love of water and with the hope of developing a sustainable family business.

Jay is a Primary School Teacher who grew up on a farm outside of Culcairn and Katie is a Physiotherapist who came from a big family in Ballarat, both with a strong hospitality background.

We are looking forward to moving out to Granya with our one year daughter Mia and new arrival to the family due at the

end of May. In five years time we hope to have established a reputation as a top-notch wedding venue and become a part of the community. Our shorter term goals are to be living in Granya, develop the gardens, organise staff and promote our venue. We hope the business will have a positive effect on the Granya Community, through increased exposure of the regions natural beauty, to creating local jobs and guests utilising local accommodation options.



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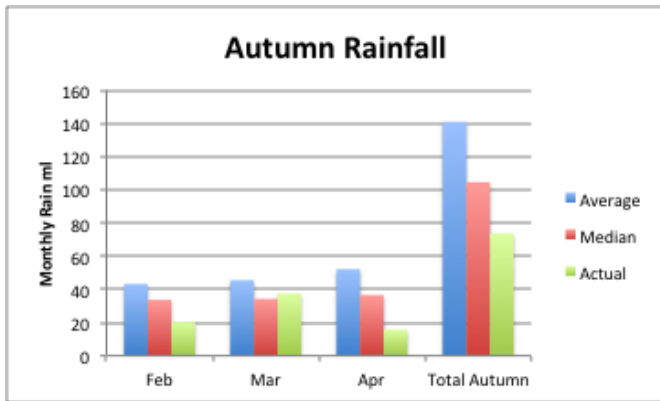
Thank you to Greg Hayes who has agreed to regularly contribute weather related articles for Berringa Community News readers.



Rainfall Round-up

It's nice to be writing this after the wonderful rain in early May because things were looking very ordinary before that. And the Bureau weren't winning the popularity contest after several false calls.

The autumn rainfall (February to end April) was 74 mm, 30% below the median (105 mm) and 48% less than the average (141 mm). March was close to average but February and April were shockers at around half of the average. It didn't help that this autumn was much warmer than normal with near record average maximum and minimum temperatures for our region. There were only 15 days with any rainfall this autumn and only 4 days over the whole of autumn where we recorded more than 5 ml.



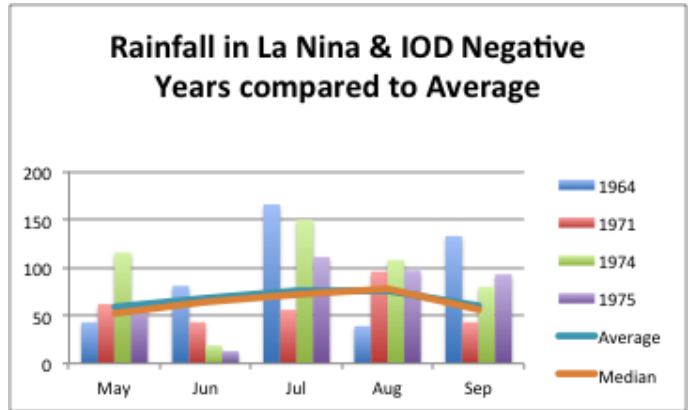
The Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) outlook suggested that we could expect the median rainfall (105 mm) but we only received 74 mm. The lack of rain in April was the result of higher than normal pressures over southern Australia that prevented the frontal systems reaching us.

For the year to date our rainfall (163 mm) is about 82% of average (189 mm) but above the median (135 mm).

Prospects for Winter (May to end July)

The El Niño has more or less run its course and only the continuing negative Southern Oscillation Index (SOI) prevents a statement that the event is over. There are lots of signs that we are moving into a La Niña and that usually signals wetter than normal winter and spring rainfall. However, it's still too early to be certain about this. Similarly, because of the warmer waters in the Indian Ocean, there are signs that we are likely to have a negative Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) event that also tends to give wetter winters but the experts are hedging their bets on this

too. The combination of a negative IOD and a La Niña is rare (1964, '71, '74 and '75) but they have resulted in better than average rainfall in July-September period as shown in the graph below.



The median rainfall for winter is 189 mm and the outlook is that it is very likely we will receive more than this. If history is any guide, most of the above average rain may come in May and July while June might be a bit tight.

The longer term POAMA model suggests that a La Niña event may persist until October and that it would remain borderline La Niña into summer. It would be great to have an old-fashioned full length spring once again.

Greg Hayes

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The purpose of this meeting is to nominate no less than three or more than nine persons as the Committee of Management for the Talgarno Hall and Recreation Reserve for a term of three years. The current committee's term will expire on 31st July 2016. All positions will be declared open and nominations will be accepted prior to or on the morning. Nominations from women are encouraged.

Further information, nomination forms and nominee declaration forms may be obtained by contacting your local Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning office or at the meeting. For further enquiries please contact the Treasurer, Anthea Redman on 6020 1134

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In Memoriam



Leo Packer

A celebration of the life of Leo John Packer, 93 was held at St Francis Church, Bethanga on Thursday, 5th May. Leo was born in Albury, to Thomas and Mary (nee Toohey). Leo's early years were spent on the farm with his older sister, Patricia. Following the death of his father, and his mother contracting tuberculosis, they moved to Melbourne, where Leo learnt the violin at the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music.

Eventually the family returned home to the farm and in the 1940's Leo met Kathleen Hoffman, a striking young nurse who he married in 1948. Leo and Kath had 3 children, Lawrence, Mary (who died suddenly) and Ian. In the early 50's, Leo had timber milled from trees on the farm to build their own family home named 'Kaylee', a combination of both their names.

Kath and Leo had a great love for each other and their family and were inseparable in raising the kids, running the farm, growing vegies on the creek flat, establishing their home garden and playing golf. Regular holidays, with or without the kids, allowed them a break from the farm. In later years they loved coastal holidays. Sadly Leo lost his soulmate when Kath passed away in 2002. Leo's children rarely heard him swear and his love and gentle handling of stock was a part of his nature. He was well respected by his many workers for his work ethic and fairness.

Many stories and memories were shared, including: farm jobs and escapades, many of which would not have passed today's OH&S; social occasions playing billiards, pool and cards; singing around the piano, played by his family; going to the country dances while the kids slept in the car; playing tennis and golf, including scoring a hole-in-one and winning a number of championships. Leo was instrumental in the formation of the Bethanga golf course and spent many happy hours hitting 3 or 4 balls around the first three holes after a day of farm work.

In his grandchildren's words, Leo had a relaxed, "she'll be right attitude", was happy and optimistic and while he worked hard, he also knew how to "smell the roses" and appreciate the smaller things in life. Religion played a very important part in Leo's life and he had his rosary beads in his hands when he passed away at Westmont, after living there for the past year.

Weddings

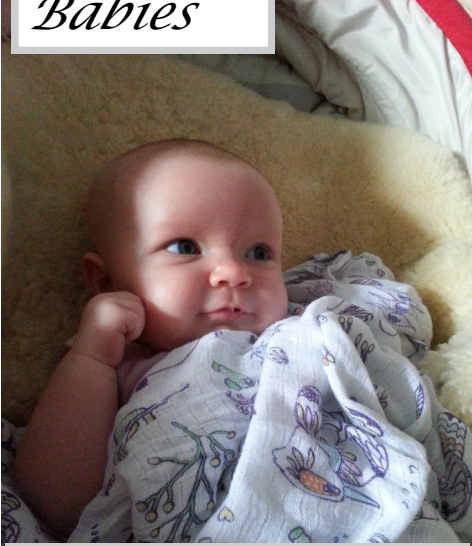


Karina Trafford, Daughter of Trish and Mark Trafford of Bethanga, married **Nathan Baker**, Son of Wendy and Dennis Baker of Wodonga on April 23rd 2016 at Waddingtons at Kergunyah. Karina and Nathan live in Thurgoona and enjoyed a honeymoon in Fiji

Kate O'Neill and Jarrod Stephenson exchanged marriage vows on the 13th February 2016 at "The poplar's", Kate's family property.



Babies



Melissa and Bill are proud to announce the birth of **Abigail Jean Wood**, born 21 st March 2016. 4.2 kg (9 lb 1 oz.). A baby sister for Charlotte.

Frankie Josephine Star
daughter to Sharon and Chris Star and sister to Klancie and Elsie, 7lb 8oz born 3:40 pm 27 May



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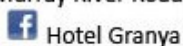
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PENINSULA NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Winter of 2016

Creating Safer Communities

Area Co-ordinator: Ross Mitchell Ph 0418 215 076
Secretary: Julie de Hennin Ph 0412 433 499

Assistant Area Co-ordinator: Carolyn Butko Ph 60 264323
Treasurer: Nene Green Ph 60 201144



AREA CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

I hope you have all been enjoying the fine autumn weather; however I am sure you are also happy to welcome the rain over the last few weeks. It has been great for our gardens and the pastures.

Perhaps this weather has solved our Blue Green Algae on the Hume Weir???

Whilst on the topic of the Hume Weir and in relation to Neighbour Hood Watch, one evening recently more than 40 cars were observed, driving around Lake Rd in the direction of Bethanga Bay Reserve. After a neighbour observed a huge amount of Rubbish, Cans and Broken bottles strewn across the area Police were informed and attended the site and took names, car registration numbers and addresses of party attendee's and particularly the party organisers. The next morning it was apparent just how vast, the mess was. However, having the Police attend the site after information from a local resident who understands the role of Neighbourhood Watch, the site was cleaned up very well by the remaining parties!!! Good on them!!!

We had our recent Community Meeting at Bethanga Hall on Wednesday 18th May. Thank you to those who attended. This community meeting included the drawing of our Annual Wood Raffle. Bethanga Hotel had the winning ticket number. Particular thanks to Dave Elder who delivered the wood to the Bethanga Hotel. Congratulations and thank you to all who assisted in the wood raffle; including collecting the wood and selling the raffle tickets.

I am pleased to remind you that the next community meeting will precede the Annual General Meeting at Talgarno Primary School on the 17th August 2016. I will not be seeking renomination for the position of Area Coordinator of PNHW, due to commitments. I look forward to nominations for the position of Area Coordinator from members of our community, to assist in keeping our most important PNHW running.

Ross W Mitchell,

Area Co-ordinator – Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch.

Mobile - 0418 215 076.

....FOR YOUR DIARY.... Community Meeting Dates for 2016

August 17th 2016 - Talgarno Primary School 7.30pm Community Meeting and AGM

This is a most important meeting to attend as it is at the AGM that the future priorities for 'Creating safer Communities', our community, will be decided.

November 16th 2016 - Berringa Community Centre, Bellbridge –

7.30pm Community Meeting & Christmas dinner

We hope to see you at one or all of these community meetings and please invite your neighbour or friends to come too.

Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch **Annual Fund Raiser**

You may not know but your Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch does not receive any financial assistance to provide the range of 'Creating Safer Communities'

Services it offers; therefore an Annual Fund Raiser is conducted which is our

Annual Wood Raffle.

The raffle was drawn at the recent Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch Community Meeting held at Bethanga. The raffle raised \$1670.40

The winner was the Bethanga Hotel. Might be the place to find some warmth during the winter!!!

Congratulations to the Bethanga Hotel.

Thanks to the numerous number of residents who sold tickets for the Annual Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch fundraiser.



Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch - our community based crime prevention program

POLICE CRIME REPORT-TOW 1

for February, March and April 2016

Report Date 11/02/16

Burglary & Theft, Rural Farm Shed, Springdale Rd, Bethanga. Between 12.00pm 07/02/16 & 12.00pm 10/02/16. Access gained to an unlocked farm shed. 5 x Tyres and rims stolen. Value \$3895.00. Property recovered 11/02/16 and offender interviewed & to be charged on summons.

Report Date 15/02/16

Theft of Cattle, Lake Road, Bethanga. Between 10.00am 02/04/15 & 10.00am 22/09/15. 5 x Black Angus Steers removed from rural farmland paddock. Value \$4082.00. Nil identifiable suspects.

Report Date 22/02/16

Possess Unregistered Firearms, Mc Farlands Lane, Granya. Between 2.00am & 3.00am 20/02/16 offender located with 2 x unregistered firearms in his possession. Offender interviewed and to be charged on summons.

Report Date 24/02/16

Permit Dog to Attack, Firebrace Track, Granya. Between 7.20pm & 7.25pm 23/02/16 offender permitted a dog to attack Police. Minor injuries. Offender interviewed and to be charged on summons.

Report Date 29/02/16

Wilful Damage, Stockyard Creek Track, Thologolong. Between 10.00am 01/02/16 and 10.00am on 18/02/16 offender cut chain and padlock from a boundary fence gate. Value \$100.00. Offender interviewed and enquiries pending.

Report Date 04/03/16

Burglary & Theft, Dwyer Crescent, Bellbridge. Between 11.30am 02/03/16 and 8.00am 04/03/16 unknown offender entered unoccupied private house and removed electrical equipment from within. Value \$694.00. Nil suspects. Enquiries ongoing.

Report Date 04/04/16

Leave Fire Unattended, Jarvis Creek Rd, Jarvis Creek. Between 9.00am and 4.00pm on 04/04/16 male offender lit a fire on private farmland and left the area failing to ensure the fire was out. Fire became out of control. 17yr old offender Cautioned.

Regards, Neville BARROW - Leading Senior Constable 25254 Bethanga Police Station | 1 Bethanga Bay Road, Bethanga, VIC 3690 | DX: 219763 email: neville.barrow@police.vic.gov.au ph:0260264204 fax:0260264600 mob: 0417722952



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Improving local safety and crime prevention.

One of the NHW Victoria 2015/16 strategies is to "Encourage local NHWs to work with Victoria Police units to support initiatives that improve local safety and prevent crime". *Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch is committed to this strategy demonstrated by the partnership we have with our local Policeman.*

Theft from and of Motor Vehicles.

We have been advised by the Victoria Police Safer Communities Unit that there has been a spike in the number of **Theft from Motor Vehicle** and **Theft of Motor Vehicle** crimes across the State. *Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch invites the community to contact our local Police and establish what help they require from NHW in addressing this crime situation.*

Hide Keys to Prevent Thieves

The days of thieves hot wiring cars and stealing them appear to be over. The majority of stolen cars are now taken from driveways and are stolen using the car keys. Assistant Commission Robert Hill said vehicle theft was increasingly challenging to police, **with seven out of ten thefts involving the use of vehicles' keys.**

Police continue to warn people of the importance of locking cars. *LSC Nev Barrow has constantly reminded us we should not have our keys in visible places.* Police data shows thefts have moved from shopping centre and railway station car parks to residential streets and driveways and farm houses and sheds. Police have urged us to **park our cars in brightly lit places when out at night and ensure our vehicles are locked up** and certainly don't leave any valuables in sight in the vehicle. **Theft from motor vehicles is the second highest offence by category volume in Victoria!!!!!!**

Did You Know?

It is an offence to leave your vehicle unlocked and you could receive a \$152 fine for doing so!!!!

Not locking your vehicle or leaving the windows open while it is unattended could result in a fine, however, it is not one police issue often.

Assistant Commissioner Robert Hill said police did not want to fine people, but **simply prevent thefts occurring.** "We just want people to hear our message - **never leave valuables or personal items in your car and lock it up**", he said.

Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch - our community based crime prevention program

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Stroke

In 2012, Australians suffered around 50,000 strokes – that is one stroke every 10 minutes. Stroke is Australia's second biggest killer after heart disease.

A stroke happens when the supply of blood to the brain is suddenly interrupted. Some strokes are fatal, while others cause permanent or temporary disability. The longer a stroke remains untreated, the greater the chance of stroke-related brain damage. Emergency medical treatment soon after symptoms begin improves the chance of survival and successful rehabilitation.

There are sometimes quite specific warning signs before a stroke. By recognising the warning signs and taking action, you may be able to prevent a stroke or reduce its severity. It is important to be able to recognise the warning signs and get medical help as quickly as possible.

Symptoms of a stroke

Facial weakness, arm weakness and difficulty with speech are the most common symptoms or signs of stroke, but they are not the only signs. Other signs of stroke may include one, or a combination of:

- weakness or numbness or paralysis of the face, arm or leg on either or both sides of the body
- difficulty speaking or understanding
- dizziness, loss of balance or an unexplained fall
- loss of vision, sudden blurring or decreased vision in one or both eyes
- headache, usually severe and abrupt onset or unexplained change in the pattern of headaches
- difficulty swallowing.

The signs of stroke may occur alone or in combination, and they can last a few seconds or up to 24 hours and then disappear. When symptoms disappear within 24 hours, this episode may be a mini stroke or transient ischaemic attack (TIA). A TIA, or mini-stroke, is a warning of an impending stroke. It may appear hours, days, weeks or months before a full stroke, but is more common within days or a few weeks. Just like full strokes, TIAs need emergency treatment and should not be ignored. Early identification of symptoms and early management from your doctor greatly reduces your chances of a major stroke.

Diagnosis of stroke emergency

The **FAST** test is an easy way to recognise and remember the most common signs of stroke. Using the **FAST** test involves asking three simple questions. If the person has a problem with any of these functions, dial triple zero (000)

for an ambulance immediately.

FAST stands for:

Facial weakness – check their face. Has their mouth drooped?

Arm weakness – can they lift both arms?

Speech difficulty – is their speech slurred? Do they understand you?

Time – is critical. If you see any of these signs, call **000 straight away**.

If you suddenly experience any of these symptoms, get to a hospital immediately. Remember, a stroke is a life-threatening emergency.

Reduce your risk of stroke

Stroke risk is influenced by a number of factors. Some of these factors, such as age, gender and family history, cannot be controlled. However, there are a number of risk factors that you **can** control to reduce your chance of having a stroke.

Lifestyle factors that increase your risk of stroke include:

- high blood pressure
- cigarette smoking
- diabetes
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- lack of exercise.

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CERT Committee AGM will be held at Bethanga Hall on Monday August 22 at 7 pm. For more information contact President Carol Marshall on 6026 4041

*Keep well, Julie Miller
Team Leader Berringa CERT
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PENINSULA MEN'S SHED



6 Sirl Street, Bethanga

The Men's Shed meets every Wednesday from 9am until 6pm (depending on attendance). You are welcome to come along and get involved in Shed projects

or create your own, or even get the men at the shed to do a project or repair job for you, or just come along for a cuppa and a chat.

Member meetings are held at the Shed on the first Tuesday of every month at 7pm.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Men's



Shed, or just wish to come along for a chat once in a while, please feel free to come in and check us out.

The old Furphy water cart has finally been restored and it looks fantastic.

*Bob Price President
02 6026 4418*

BETHANGA RECREATION RESERVE

A lot is happening at the Recreation Reserve that will benefit the community and users in coming years. Those that have used the grounds will have noticed over the year that our grants and hard work are really starting to show some results.

The roof line extensions around main building and outdoor kitchen and some landscaping/ beautification are in progress. We had a scrub up of the old canteen area and a clean out of the backroom and shelf relocation.

We have installed a hot water system that not only supplies hot water to the kitchen but also connections for future showers in the back room.

Thank you to all that helped paint the canteen kitchen area, especially doing a colour scheme out of the 2 trolley loads of assorted paints donated by Bunnings Wodonga. We have plenty of paint left to use in other parts of the buildings.

We are continuing to clean up the woody weeds in the creek area. We have another grant through Friends of Bethanga

Creek to continue this clean up as well as carry out some erosion control and fencing.

Our future projects are to complete some walking paths and plantings to help attract bird life, to erect a horse shelter and install a trough in the two new horse paddocks.

There are always things to do and we appreciate help from any one that has any spare time. We thank those that have recently helped us to improve and maintain the Recreation Reserve facilities.

It is good to see soccer off to a great start this year and the enthusiasm of the kids and their parents and also getting some hires for functions.

Community Forum

We run a community forum before each meeting. If you would like to give your opinion or be involved in the future development of the reserve, please join us on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm or email your ideas or suggestions.

bethangareserve@gmail.com

President: David Elder 0408 281006

davidcaelder@bigpond.com

LAKE HUME SOCCER CLUB (LHSC)

If you and your kids are dreaming of A-League super stardom, or maybe just looking for a bit of local sporting fun on a Saturday morning, then Lake Hume Soccer Club (LHSC) could be just what you're looking for. We get together on Saturdays at 9.30am to 11.30am at the Bethanga Recreation Reserve. We enjoy a healthy 2 hours of fun, fitness and a friendly game of soccer.



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LHSC is a small club and we don't field any teams in the Albury Wodonga Football Association competition – so all our games are home games! The club is affiliated with the Football Federation of Victoria and all Lake Hume Soccer Club players are required to be registered.

The cost is \$50 per player for the season, with a discount for families with 3 or more children. It is a relaxed and friendly Saturday morning of football. If this appeals to you, come to our first session and try it out. Kids get two 'come and try' sessions before needing to register. We had a free sausage sizzle and fun day on Saturday, 23rd April.

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Just a reminder that members can weigh their fish in at the Bethanga Hotel at any time.

Anyone interested in joining the Club or any member who has any suggestions for future outings, please contact Brian Hunter at Bethanga Hotel on 02 6026 4214

Happy Fishing, CATCHYA soon

Brian 6026 4214

TALGARNO CFA

It has been another quiet few months for the brigade apart from two callouts to motor vehicle accidents and one burnoff out of control on May 7th. The recent rain has greatly reduced the fire risk but it is still essential that residents call VicFire (1800 668 511) before burning off so that the brigade is not called out to a false alarm.

On April 26, the brigade held its end of season general meeting combined with the biennial meeting for election of officers. We now have some new faces on the brigade management team and the average age is heading in the right direction. The brigade officers are as follows:

Captain, P Star; 1st Lieutenant, M Elliot; 2nd Lieutenant, J Green; 3rd Lieutenant, T Green; and 4th Lieutenant, K Merkel. Community Safety Coordinator, J Green; Secretary, B Pearson; President, H Dunchue; Treasurer, G Lewis; Comms Officer, A Redman; Training Coordinator, M Elliot; Health and Safety Coordinator, J de Hennin; Apparatus Officer, R Medwell : Group Delegates, P Star & G Redman; VFBV Delegates, K Merkel & H Dunchue

Some of the key matters discussed at the meeting are presented below.

- **8 Listening Sets** have been purchased by the brigade and there are still 2 left if anybody wants to purchase one (\$160)
- **BART** – since this previously free service was now on a user pay system meeting agreed with BMT recommendation that brigade would pay for BART services for up to 10 brigade members (\$150 per year) with priority given to those who have responded to callouts.
- We discussed the opportunity to apply for a **replacement to the slip on** that is now 10 years old but has low mileage and it was agreed that the brigade would defer any application until it had completed a thorough investigation into possible alternative configurations, their cost and performance and the ideal timing of the sale of the existing vehicle.
- **Water points** – Brigade would arrange a tour of the district to include all water points that were suitable for use by tanker. Noted that funds may be available for any landholder with a suitable water point to have the access improved.
- **Liquor Licence for BBQ** - Based on advice received from the CFA, the Police and Springhurst brigade it was recommended to form a social club. Following discussion it was agreed that:
 - * The club (Talgarno Brigade Social Club) would be inde-

pendent of the brigade but would continue to operate the monthly BBQ with the same group of people doing the same jobs as has been the case since we started.

- * We would continue to use the refrigerators and the BBQ and to serve food and drinks as previously.
- * The brigade would meet the initial cost of the Liquor Licence application (\$441.20) but the social club would meet the annual cost (\$227.50)
- * We would adhere to a set of rules that require us to have a visitor's book for non-members.
- * We could deem that all brigade members and their families are automatically members of the social club.
- * We are required to form a committee and the members of the committee will be those who have been running the BBQ in the past (cleaning shed, getting firewood, ordering food, purchasing food and beverages, cooking and serving food, cleaning trays and bowls, storing left-over food, banking proceeds and keeping accounts). A Redman, G Redman, A Gibson, A Stephenson, R Medwell, J de Hennin and G Hayes (Licensee).
- * It is suggested that 80% of the profit goes to the brigade as a donation and 20% goes to other community groups.
- * The social club would keep full accounts and have them independently audited and submit an Annual return to Consumer Affairs Victoria.
- * The anticipated costs in establishing the social club are \$34 for incorporation
- * The annual cost is likely to be \$54.40 for the annual return and a maximum of \$227.50 for annual renewal of the liquor licence but we hope this will be reduced or waived plus public liability insurance for non-members (estimated \$100/year)
- Noted that a **Community Meeting** would be held (probably in conjunction with the October BBQ) to discuss fire safety in the Talgarno area with specific reference to Wisers Creek.
- A reminder that **smoke alarms** have only a limited life and

that those over 10 years old should be replaced.

- A suggestion that fire **extinguishers** in the house also need to be checked and that it would be a good idea to encourage residents to have a fire blanket in the kitchen
- It was agreed that a **small chainsaw** would be very useful in cutting small branches and logs on the ground to assist in blacking out operations and that we would apply for a grant for this under VESEP.
- It was agreed that it would be a good training exercise to burn the remains of the hut on Vincent's Reserve and that this would be investigated by the BMT along with roadside burning (Schorobura and de Hennin properties) and Council stockpile.
- P Star thanked our guests for coming and contributing, welcomed new members of the BMT, thanked G Hayes for inputs as Secretary and thanked P Wood for his work as a Lieutenant and Community Safety Officer. He also thanked the Lieutenants for support during the period when he was incapacitated owing to knee injury.
- He noted that the brigade had had very few callouts in recent years but he did ask that younger members make a greater effort to respond to callouts when possible.

For the year to April 6, 2016 the brigade earned \$5202.94 with fund raising contributing \$2564.05, and donations \$2095 being the major items. Investments returned \$544.99. It incurred costs of \$4636.97 with the major items being fund raising \$1985.01, and equipment purchases \$1897.13 (of which \$1280 was for listening sets that will be partially reimbursed before year end). Overall, the brigade had a surplus of \$1110.96. Fund raising through the BBQ generated \$579.04 or 52% of that surplus. The net current assets of the brigade total \$32604.41, up 3.5% over the year.

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INCIDENTS

4th April -7 members responded Tanker 1 and a private vehicle supporting Old Tallangatta and Parks Victoria to an out of control fuel reduction burn in the Jarvis creek area. The fire started in private property and spread to burn 4ha of Jarvis Creek National park.

12th April -2 Members responded Bethanga Slip On to a grass and scrub fire at Gateway Island Wodonga. The slip on was called due to restricted height access under the freeway bridges.

7th May - 9 Members responded Tanker 1, Bethanga Slip On and 2 private vehicles supporting Talgarno to an out of control fuel reduction burn in Retallick's lane. The fire burnt 5ha after the owner was attempting to burn Blackberry bushes.

15th May - 4 members responded to support Talgarno to a grass fire on the side of the road near Drummonds Lane. We were not required and were called off before leaving the station.

OUT OF CONTROL FUEL REDUCTION BURNS

After the finish of the declared fire danger period the Brigade is regularly called to out of control fuel reduction burns. In nearly all instances, lack of preparation and having no effective means of putting out the fire is what we find on arrival. If you light a fire you must have the means and capability to put it out. Not follow-

ing this simple rule is frowned upon by Police.

FIRE DANGER PERIOD

The actual Fire Danger Period, as opposed to the Declared Fire Danger Period, began earlier and ended much later than the Declared Fire Danger Period. The recent onset of wet weather has eliminated much of the grass and scrub fire hazards, and the focus shifts to house fires.

WINTER IS UPON US

Please be sure to clean your chimneys, heater flues, fans, clothes driers (for lint build up) and check electric blankets before use. Consider upgrading to a modern electric blanket that has safety features such as: Automatic turn off countdown timer and over temperature turn off.

Every home should have modern Smoke alarms. Smoke alarms should be checked and tested regularly and CFA recommends Smoke Alarm batteries should be replaced annually at Easter, regardless of the residual battery life.

The CFA also strongly recommends that Smoke Alarms older than 10 years should be replaced.

For your best protection each home should have a fire blanket and dry chemical fire extinguisher. Please check this important fire safety equipment is in working condition. With the Dry Chemical extinguisher check the pressure dial indicator is in in the green. Also remove the extinguisher from the bracket and turn upside down and give it a shake to loosen the powder and return upright to its bracket. Don't forget to check any extinguishers in vehicles and boats, as

powder settling solid from vibrations is a common problem in these installations. Dry chemical extinguishers and fire blankets used for domestic purposes do not require a specialist service check and do not expire. Fire extinguishers need to be replaced or recharged after use regardless of amount used, and fire blankets are one use only.

Ensure all household members know how to use your extinguisher and fire blanket, and familiarizing yourself with the instructions located on the equipment.

RECENT ACTIVITIES

After the success of the Australia Day BBQ at Bunnings Wodonga, a further fundraising BBQ was organized by our Brigade on 9th April which raised \$939

On the weekend of April 29th to May 1st, the Brigade, together with the Talgarno Brigade, Berringa CERT, and the Bethanga Cricket Club raised more funds running the car parking at the 4WD Camping Show.

BRIGADE TRAINING

We have had good numbers of members attending the monthly Brigade training. We do some basic training followed by a BBQ and catch up with the local gossip.

Jono Green

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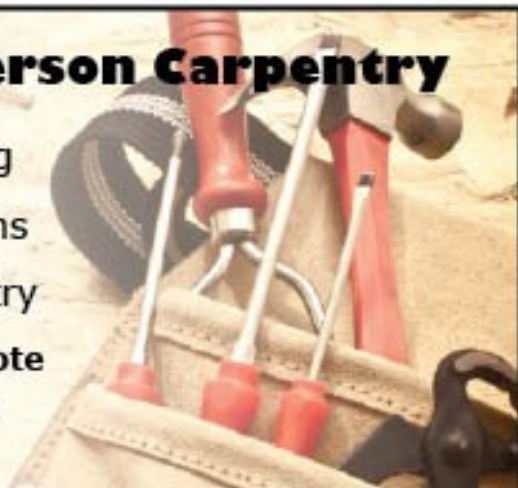
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Five members attended a specialist computer simulated incident controller training at Tallangatta.

BELLBRIDGE MEMBERS REQUIRED

In the last few years the Brigade has recruited members who live in the Bellbridge Community, and we have been able to station our Light Tanker in the Shed there permanently. However, we would like to recruit a few more members in Bellbridge.

MINIMUM SKILLS TRAINING

The Brigade will look to run a Minimum Skills Training Course at Bethanga over the winter months if enough people from the Bethanga and Bellbridge communities show an interest. Please contact John Northey.

LIFE MEMBERS LEO PACKER AND REG MACKIN

The Brigade expresses condolences to the families of Leo and Reg on their recent deaths within 2 days of each other. Both had been stalwart members of the Brigade over many years and we will miss them.

BI-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Bi-annual General Meeting of the Brigade was held on 27th April at the Bethanga Hall. The meeting was attended by 37 Members and District 24 Operations Manager, Paul King.

The following Officers were elected to the Brigade Management Team for the next 2 years beginning 1st July;

Captain;	John Northey
1 st Lieutenant;	Shane Tomic
2 nd Lieutenant;	Mark Trafford
3 rd Lieutenant;	Ben Mitchell
4 th Lieutenant;	Phil Harrison
5 th Lieutenant;	Brett Martin
Chairperson;	Ross Mitchell
Secretary/Treasurer;	Liz Fagence
Communications Officer;	Robin Neilson
Community Safety Coordinator;	Ron Evans, deputy Brett Martin
Brigade OHS Coordinator;	Dan Mitchell
Training Officers;	Shane Tomic & Ben Mitchell
VFBV Delegates;	Mat Gill & Mat Fagence
Brigade Asset Maintenance;	Mark Trafford & Chris Davis

A proposal by the BMT that the Brigade apply for Government Funds towards the cost of a new Slip-On Small Appliance to

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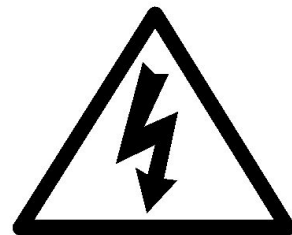
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replace the existing Slip-On at Bellbridge was adopted by the Meeting.

Paul King addressed the Meeting, thanking the Captain and the Brigade for their work. Paul also answered members' questions about the on-going high level issues between the Fire Fighters Union and the CFA.

*John Northey Captain Tel 60264574
0414 931442*

*Jon O'Neil Secretary/Treasurer Tel
60264823*

*Jim Jefferies Community Safety Liaison
Tel 60264166*

TALGARNO TENNIS CLUB

On March 5 Section 4 team Talgarno Gold topped off their season as Premiers in the Kiewa and Talgarno District Tennis Association. The team represented by Max Elliot, Will Mitchell, Charlotte Mitchell, Harry Schubert and Harry Crispin (emergency) beat Yackandandah 4 sets to 2 on a very hot morning!

Unfortunately there were only places for 4 players and an emergency in a grand final, but throughout the year the other players that represented the team were Archie and Lewis Schubert, Alex and Joe Swinnerton and Sammy Welch. The Talgarno Tennis Club congratulates the players on their victory and wish all the more experienced players the best in Section 3 next season. A thank you also

to Michael Elliot for playing the role of team captain and organising this team throughout the season.



Talgarno's Section 1 team also made the Grand Final which was played earlier in the day due to the impending heat of the day. The team was composed of Anthea Redman, Debbie Nichols, Jarrod Stephenson, David Wortmann, Daniel Wortmann and Craig Schubert, with emergency player Brendan Pearson filling in for Debbie Nichols in the second last set of the day. They battled it out until the final set which ended being the decider, but were pipped at the post by Yack Flatties who won 5 sets to 4. Thank you to Jarrod Stephenson for fulfilling the team captain role this season.

Our other teams, Section 2 and Section 4 Talgarno Blue didn't make the finals this year, but we hope to see all players return to the club and have

another enjoyable season in 2016-17. Thanks to Brendan Pearson, team captain for Section 2 and Ginni McKenzie for taking on the role of team captain for Talgarno Blue.

Our AGM will be held in early September and we welcome any new players to the club and anyone willing to help out with various roles next season. Between now and the start of the season (October), if you have any enquiries about tennis at Talgarno, please contact Jarrod Stephenson on 0417 228 445.

*Brendan Pearson
M: 0439 881 440*

BETHANGA PONY CLUB (BPC) AND ADULT RIDING GROUP

Rally days are held on the third Sunday of each month and riders receive instruction in horse riding and horse handling, with safety as the primary goal.

Although you would expect that horse ownership is a basic requisite to be a Pony Club member, the club is fortunate enough to have extra horses brought along by existing members and committee to give those members without a horse, an opportunity to participate.

Horse activities to date have included a trail ride, ground skill lessons, riding at the walk, trot and canter, sporting (such as barrel racing) and obstacle

courses. One rainy day, members even did some indoor class work and getting to understand their horses and how they move.

The Bethanga Gymkhana Committee has included two new events in its program for BCP members.

The Bethanga Pony Club is a member club of Pony Club Victoria. The club has up to two "come and try days" before fees are due. Annual fees include insurance through Pony Club Victoria which provides cover for members 24/7, not just at Pony Club rallies.

The Bethanga Pony Club has its own Facebook page, so check us out; friend us at Facebook at 'Bethanga Pony Club'.

If you have any old 44 gallon drums or long pine poles/posts or even remnants of still usable paint that you no longer have a need for, please consider donating them to the Pony Club - we can always use them.

For general information, registration and rally days, please contact Kelly Gibbon on 0414 612 918.

BETHANGA CRICKET CLUB

If you would like to contact the club please email bethangacrick-et@gmail.com or come along to one of our training sessions.

Marg Sirl, 6026 4504

ROTARY CLUB OF BELLBRIDGE LAKE HUME INC.

Seniors Christmas in July.

The Rotary Club will host its annual Christmas in July function for peninsula seniors on the last Sunday in July, July 31. As usual it will be held at the Bellbridge Community Centre commencing at mid-day. A two course meal and drinks will be provided free of charge. A bit of foot tapping live music is always enjoyed by those attending.

If you know someone locally who would like to be there, and who may be in need of transport please contact Rotarian Bob on 0260 264305.

Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal

Once Again the Rotary Club of Bellbridge Lake Hume will be collecting in the area for this worthy appeal. Please give your generous support which is very well appreciated by the Salvos.

Passing Away of Rotarian Roger Lyford.

Rotarian Roger Lyford, aged 70 and ex Tallangatta and current Bellbridge Lake Hume Rotarian, passed away on 28th March from cancer. The Rotary Club has organised for Bethanga Primary school to select a year 6 student each year to be a recipient for the Roger Lyford award for service to others. The year 6 student selected will be consistently demonstrating helping and caring for others.

Lake Hume fishing competition will be held on 22-23 October 2016 and Christmas carols on Sunday 4 December.

*Regards,
Andrew Christy*



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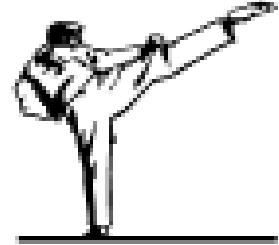
Want to lose weight or improve your level of fitness? Then why not try our fitness classes. These continue to run at the Talgarno Hall on most evenings and have proven to be very popular. Classes begin at 7:00pm on Sundays and Tuesdays and 7.45pm on Thursday nights. All sessions run approximately 1 hour and cost is a minimal \$2. There are additional sessions on most other evenings from 7:00pm by arrangement.

Most sessions are aerobic circuits. Equipment now includes a running machine, exercise bike and recumbent bike (both with heart monitors), cross trainer and an array of hand weights, fit balls, medicine balls, a kick bag and other ancillary equipment. Come and enjoy the fun. New members are always welcome. You work at your own pace in a friendly group atmosphere.

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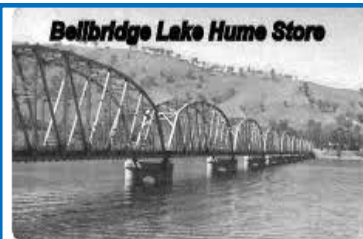
*Jennie Miller, Angela Stephenson, Tallangatta Health Service
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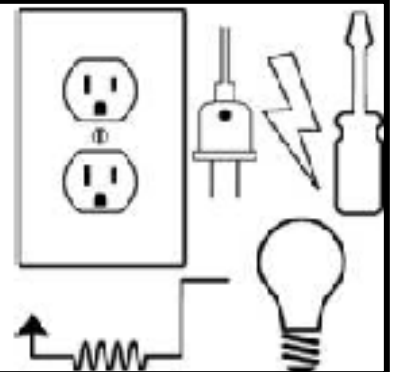
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Wises Creek Talgarno Landcare Group

Our 2016 AGM was held on Wednesday 20th April at the Talgarno Primary School. All committee positions were declared vacant and call for nominations was conducted.

The 2016/17 elected Committee members are:

President	Jim de Hennin
Treasurer	Hugh Dunchue
Secretary	Rhonda Sinclair

We were delighted to have guest speakers Tim Enshaw [Community Wild Dog Control Coordinator | Hume, Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning (DELWP)] and Peter Star [Victorian landholder and VFF representative on the National Wild Dog Action Plan Stakeholder Consultative Group] who gave a joint presentation on *Wild Dog Management*.

The following information is extracted from the Community Wild Dog Initiative – Final Report, which was submitted to the Australian Wool Innovation (AWI) Limited at the end of November 2015. The AWI funding enabled landholders to undertake extensive baiting on their land to complement the State Government's (DELWP) strategic ground baiting and trapping program on adjacent public land.

The Wises Creek Talgarno Landcare Group Inc. administered the \$30,000 grant from AWI.

This project funded:

- * The supply of 11,880 baits for landholder use.
- * Baits were placed over 21,000 hectares of private land.
- * Indirectly protected over 40,000 hectares.
- * Supported 45 landholders in community baiting program.
- * Thirty-one (69%) of landholders participating in this project completed the Community Wild Dog Control Program questionnaire.
- * Purchase of accessories for four trap kits (total 20 traps).

Key Achievements:

- * Forty-five property owners have taken part in a coordinated wild dog control program which has built on, and consolidated, earlier community wild dog control efforts during 2012 and 2013.
- * Twelve rounds of baiting, conducted monthly during Autumn and Spring 2014, and Autumn and Spring 2015.
- * Incident reports collated by DELWP indicate 35% fewer incidents in 2015 than 2014 across the four Wild Dog Management Zones in the Upper Murray.
- * Reduction in stock losses – both adult sheep and increased weaning percentages – 25% less sheep reported killed in

2015 vs 2014.

- * Reports collated by DELWP indicate 30% fewer properties experiencing sheep losses in 2015 than 2014 across the Upper Murray.
- * DELWP trappers despatched 28% fewer dogs during this period – perhaps indicating fewer dogs in the environment.
- * Nine producers received training and accreditation to safely use 1080 bait products.
- * Five producers received wild dog trapping training from local DEPI Victoria wild dog controllers.
- * Twenty dog traps upgraded to 'best practice' with new chains, swivels, in-line springs to complement those already in circulation and several landholders have now caught wild dogs because they have the skills and equipment.
- * Adoption of the use of 'fresh meat' baits to compliment use of 'shelf-stable' baits.
- * Clearly noticeable reduction in fox populations – carcasses being found and fewer sightings.
- * Broader community involvement in canid control, with one local plantation company continuing to conduct baiting program during 2014 and 2015.
- * The community control program is complementing the DEPI program, with an increased presence of baits on private land having potential to remove dogs which are not being directly targeted by government agencies.
- * Public land baiting program commenced in the Granya & Mt Lawson State Parks.
- * With assistance from the Community Wild Dog Control Coordinator and government agencies, the group is investigating the possibility of extending activities onto additional adjacent Public land.
- * Evidence of increase in native wildlife - particularly wombats, kangaroos, black wallabies and ground birds.

The group is not claiming the credit for the recent reduction in wild dog activity, and understands that dog activity cannot be measured over short timeframes, such as the two-year period mentioned above, however, it is very likely that the community involvement has increased awareness of the issues and encouraged people to take action.

More people are baiting and trapping than in the past and there has been a large increase in the adoption of exclusion fencing. It is also worth noting that the DELWP aerial baiting campaign has been operating now for two years. It is the integration of all of these things which will hopefully maintain this trend in dog activity and stock loss.

Rhonda Sinclair, Secretary,
wctlandcaregroup@gmail.com
6026 4715

Bethanga Landcare Group

The attached article is from Trust for Nature,

Case study: David Elder, Landholder Box-gum Grassy Woodlands at Bethanga.

David Elder manages '500 odd acres', near Bethanga, just 30 minutes from Albury in North East Victoria. David came off a farm, but was told by his father 35 years ago, 'that there was no future in farming'. After trying other things, David became a full-time farmer five years ago.

Having previously fenced off some sensitive natural areas on his property, David submitted an Expression of Interest via the North East CMA's Integrated Incentives Process for the Woodlands and Wetlands Project. Trust for Nature is a key delivery partner for Woodland and Wetland Project Incentives.

Karen Tymms, Regional Manager for Trust for Nature in the North East and Mary Anderson, Senior Conservation Officer visited the grassy woodland site in September for an assessment.

"We were both impressed at the condition of the site", Karen said. "A nationally threatened Box-gum Grassy Woodland looks like its name, with widely spaced Eucalypts (a mix of smooth barked gum tress and Box trees) and plenty of grasses, herbs and wildflowers.

"David's site still has good native grass cover and many wildflowers" Mary said.

David, became interested in nature as a young boy through cubs and scouts and family holidays spent searching for Koalas and other critters at his Grandfather's property at Mt Macedon. , He recognises "that since I was a child there appears to have been a lot of depletion of native areas. The area I am hoping to create will be a corridor for native animals to move through and will protect the regenerating trees".

Through the funding from, the Woodlands and Wetlands Project David will fence off his 6.3ha woodland site, install a new water point, complete erosion

control works and continue controlling problem weeds.

"The site will need active management", Karen said. "It's not a set and forget, David will need to continue to control weeds and will need to use careful grazing in late winter-early spring to help reduce introduced annual weeds and grasses". Stock are then removed from early-spring through to autumn to enable the native grasses and plants to flower and set seed. Photos are taken from selected points each year to monitor changes at the site.

"Sub-dividing the property has meant that I can manage natural and sensitive areas better. You're not flogging the country. But rather it's about t's managing things better for the environment" David said.

The Projecting Nationally Threatened Woodlands and Wetlands Project that David is participating in, is jointly delivered by the North East CMA and the Trust for Nature through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme.

In 2015/2016 the Woodlands and Wetlands Project will support landholders to restore and manage a 128ha of nationally endangered Box Gum Grassy Woodland and 40ha of Seasonal Herbaceous Wetlands. Providing practical local actions to improve the threatened vegetation communities on their properties. This includes two dedicated landholders working with Trust for Nature to place a conservation covenant on title which will permanently protect 84ha of high quality threatened vegetation.

Case study funded by NECMA, Trust for Nature and Australian Government National Landcare Programme



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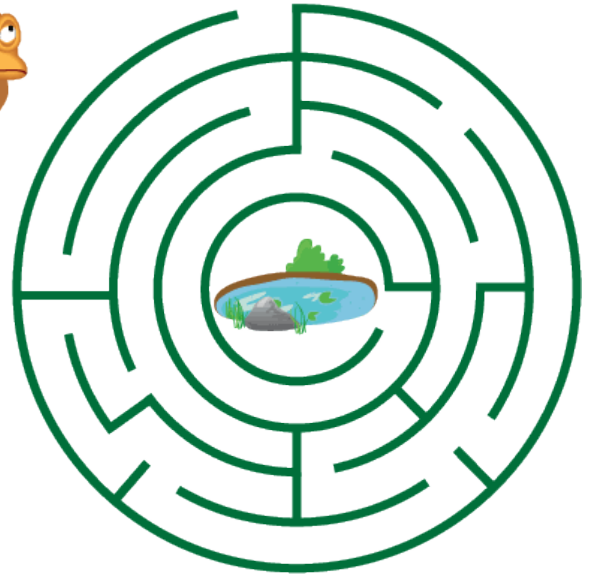
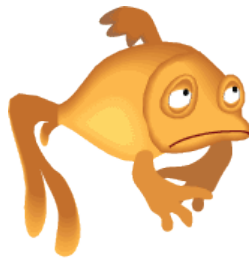
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- It is physically impossible for pigs to look up into the sky.
- The "sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick" is believed to be the toughest tongue twister in the English language.
- In the course of an average lifetime, while sleeping you might eat around 70 assorted insects and 10 spiders, or more.
- Cat urine glows under a black-light.
- Like fingerprints, everyone's tongue print is different.
- Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
- The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing (when using the proper position of the hands on the keyboard; Hunting and pecking doesn't count!).
- A shark is the only known fish that can blink with both eyes.
- "Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt".
- Almonds are a member of the peach family.

Children's Groups



Community Early-years Childcare (FARMS) continues to operate at the Talgarno Hall every Tuesday from 8.30am-4.30pm. Cost is \$5/hour/child. It is a wonderful opportunity for young children to interact and socialise with other local children in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. There are currently 8 local children attending ranging from 1-4 years. FARMS provide a diverse range of educational and learning opportunities through their indoor and outdoor play areas.

For more information, please call 6056 4399 or go to Community Early-years Childcare website: www.awcc.edu.au/communityearly-yearschildcare

Maternal & Child Health

The service is under the care of the Towong Shire. The service at the Bellbridge Community Centre is open on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. There is an open consultation from 9 am until 12 noon, followed by afternoon home visits. Friday afternoon consultations are also available by appointment.

For enquiries and appointments, please phone Trudi Ellis 0417 535 978 or 6026 4228 (on Bellbridge days).



Berringa kindergarten children have been very engaged in activities focused around exploring the properties of sand, interacting with water, and creating their own objects at the

woodwork table.

Recently we had David "The Music Man" visit. The children learnt about many different instruments from all around the world, and participated in making music, using different percussion instruments.

We have begun the Smiles for Miles Program, in conjunction with the AWH Smiles for Miles Co-ordinator. The children received a toothbrush and toothpaste, and have set up their own kindergarten dental clinic!

Numeracy activities are always incorporated into the program; currently we have a veggie shop with scales, cash register and a calculator.

Later this term we will have a visit from Bunning's Community Liaison Officer to plant seedlings with the children, and the Responsible Pet Educator and her dog, Mishi.

Enrolments and enquiries are welcome. Sessions are Wednesdays and Fridays 9-4.30pm.

Christine Cameron, Director.
Phone 02 60264373

Email: christine.cameron@towong.vic.gov.au



Playgroup

Playgroup is on every Monday from 10am until about lunch time in line with Victorian school terms.

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Playgroup is free!!

You can purchase a \$25 membership to Playgroup Victoria ,optional (this includes insurance).

We meet at alternating venues, so just give Simone a call to find out where we will be meeting next.

See you there!

Contact: *Simone Eddington*

Mobile: 0404 223 051

Phone: 6026 4763

Berringa Kindergarten



Bethanga Primary School News

We have lots of news to share with the Berranga Community, both happy and sad. Firstly our principal Deb Bowman was successful in her application for principal of Kiewa Valley Primary School. This meant that the last day of term 1 would be her last day at Bethanga Primary School.

The students, with some help from Miss Guymer, Mrs Roebuck and parents, held their own special farewell assembly. It was so funny with the students performing short skits that mimicked Mrs Bowman



and had every one in stitches. The new Mrs B (alias Joe Swinnerton) was fantastic and carried off this role very well. She (or he) had some help from Casey Mitchell and Angus Schmidt. We loved the safety jacket (signed by all students), the safety officer signs worn by everyone and the special bag of symbolic tokens which we have worked on as a school as part of our EQ focus. It was such a great way to express our thanks to Deb. The school presented her with a lovely thumb print canvas, a crepe myrtle and her own Bethanga Bear.

We are fortunate to have Mrs Rachel Saunders as acting Principal for this term.

Sporting Activities

Our sporting schools athletics coach for term 1 was Sophy Sirr. She ran a program called the Healthy Active Kids' Athletics Program which is endorsed by Athletics Australia. This worked very well as our students were prepared for the Athletic Sports. We had a great day at the sports with quite a few students progressing on to the next stage. It was lovely to hear other teachers and parents saying what wonderful sportsmanship our students exhibited.

We have eight students who have made it through to Division swim trials and 12 students make it through to the next stage of the Cross Country.

Education Week- We held an Open Day as well as some Cross-age activities based around Science and Technology. The school was split into three cross age groups and rotated between activities including kitchen chemistry.

Extra Curricula Activities

Dave the Music Man Excursion-Foundation and Year 1 students attended this at the Kinder.

Visiting Author- Sue Berran is a



successful children's illustrator and author who loves encouraging kids to read and write. Her books are packed with plenty of fun, action and 'gross stuff' - the perfect for-

mula to get kids laughing and reading. She is a passionate advocate for children's literacy and happens to be a Bethanga local! Sue visited our school tomorrow to read her latest book to our 3-6 students to get a kid perspective and feedback before the book goes to print.

Anzac Day Service at Bethanga- 20 Bethanga Primary students stood proudly and thoughtfully placed the wreaths that each had had a hand in making.

Water Play Day- organised by the Junior School Council

Next

Winter sports, 3/4 Camp and Indonesian Day at Tallangatta to mention a few

Introducing our new Principal!

It is with great delight that I find myself the Principal of Bethanga Primary School! My name is Rachel Saunders, I have worked at my previous school in Wodonga for 12 years, in the classroom, student welfare and leadership. My passion is for building strong relationships with students, their families and the wider community.

When I am not working, I love to spend time with my Husband Tony and our five children and find myself most week-



ends on the sidelines cheering the kids on at their sports! I enjoy boxing as well as craft activities such as card making.

Over the last 6 weeks I have enjoyed getting to know many of the Bethanga Primary parents and locals, I look forward to getting to know more members of the wider community and having them join us at school to strengthen connections and learning for our students.

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We now have 14 students at TPS! A big welcome to our 3 new students, Jennoah, Brooke and Alex who are quickly settling into our school and making lots of new friends. We would also like to welcome back Noela McGuffie who has overcome many health hurdles to join us again after 2 years of sick leave. Our school community look forward to a fantastic term with Noela and Belinda who have made many positive changes to our classroom structures and curriculum.

The students have had a very active start to term 2! Everyone participated in the Athletic Carnival on the 22nd April at Alexandra Park, with some of our senior students winning

their events, and are waiting to see if they have made it to Zone. The Cross Country was held on the 4th of May at Willow Park where all students did a fantastic job to finish their 1 and 2km events.

We are holding our annual Trivia night at TPS on Saturday 18th June, 6pm. The tables will consist of 6-8 people with the cost being \$10 per person. BYO nibbles and drinks. A big thank you to Jono Toohey who will be running the night again. Please contact the school to book a table or for more information.

What's on @ TPS

Trivia Night - Sat 18th June from 6pm

Tennis Coaching - This terms sporting school program activity will be Tennis. We will have a professional coach come out from Wodonga weekly to teach us the basics of tennis

Knitting - Every Friday we are having knitting lessons.

Coffee Mornings - every 2nd Thursday 9.30-11am. All welcome

Grade 3-4 camp - held at 15 mile Crk 12-15th July

Disco - our annual disco will be held at the Talgarno Hall on Fri 9th September

End of Year Celebration -Wed 14th Dec

Volunteers are welcome!

Do you have a special talent? We would love to hear from any community members who would be willing to donate some of their time for activities such as: gardening, art & craft, cooking, sport or reading. Our students love having visitors to our school and we love involving the community in our learning experiences.

Congratulations



Our students are not only excelling at school, but also in their extracurricular activities! Last term, Tilly Pearson was successful in her audition for the Albury/Wodonga Theatre Company's musical 'Oliver'. Tilly committed many hours to rehearsals and late nights and performed in 4 sell-out performances of 'Oliver' at the Albury Entertainment Centre. It was an excellent musical, which demonstrated the hard work and commitment of everyone involved. We congratulate Tilly on this artistic endeavour into the world of drama and musicals. Well done Tilly!

A big congratulations also to our former students, Travis Wilson & Joe Gibbs, for being elected to the leadership team at Tallangatta Secondary College.

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